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1. Malraux and Wallon are displeased by the fact that the RPF following is drawn mainly from rightist elements and that the RPF gatherings and demonstrations, with the exception of the Vincennes rally, have never been proletarian in character. The RPF is making no headway with the working classes, according to these two leaders, and the attendance at the meetings is rightist.
2. Malraux and Wallon declared that they were attempting to appoint sound men as leaders of the new recruits. In the provinces they are using Radical Socialists, former mayors, general councillors and local personalities of tried and true Republicanism to form local and regional cadres. Whereas this method has prevented the higher echelons from being penetrated by extremists, it has not compensated for the lack of working class following, according to Malraux. Malraux and Wallon want de Gaulle to orient his propaganda towards the extreme left parties, and they reproach him for playing up the nationalist theme and making no effort to win over the workers. The opinion of these two men is indicative of the two emerging tendencies within the RPF: one, the more leftist calling for intensified propaganda aimed at labor; the other, supported by Palewski, emphasizing the nationalist theme.
3. Malraux and Wallon expressed their disappointment at not being able to recruit intellectuals. The few writers, professors, etc. who have joined the movement, are not, according to these RPF leaders, of the highest caliber, and the outstanding intellectuals have remained aloof. This abstention on the part of the elite is

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said by these leaders to be unfortunately symptomatic in a country where the Communists are making great capital of the "celebrities" who have joined their Party. Another criticism made was that General de Gaulle kept his collaborators in ignorance of his most important decisions. On the eve of the Strasbourg speech, Malraux and the others did not know that de Gaulle intended to announce officially the formation of the RPF.

4. Finally, Malraux and Wallon declared that their one hope is that the success of the RPF will eventually attract leftist elements who will change the atmosphere of the movement.

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